

- Original territorial capital was Natchez, 1798-1802. Winthrop Sargent appointed first territorial governor by President Thomas Jefferson.
- Territorial capital was moved to Washington, Mississippi - 1802-1817; Natchez again - 1817-1821; Columbia, 1821-1822.
- State capital was moved to Jackson in 1822. Built on the site of Lefleur's Bluff, Jackson was one of the first planned cities in the nation. It was named for Major General Andrew Jackson.
- The Old Capitol was completed in 1839, when the Mississippi Legislature first met there on January 7, 1839. The building was renovated in 1917; restored in 1961; and then repaired and renovated again after Hurricane Katrina, officially reopening to the public on February 7, 2009 (opening day of the 2009 Legislature convened at the Old Capitol Museum on January 6, 2009).